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PURCHASES FROM PRIVATE SUPPLIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Army Headquarters and Air Headquarters are making purchases of items from private suppliers who are not able to execute the orders in time;

(b) the number of purchase orders placed on these suppliers during the last three years and how many of these orders were executed properly, timely and satisfactorily;

(c) the number of suppliers black-listed and on what grounds during the last three years; and

(d) the details of purchase policy of the service headquarters and the steps being taken to ensure that it is followed scrupulously?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Army Headquarters and Air Headquarters arenot making purchases of items from private suppliers who are not able to execute the orders in time. However, slippages in supply of the items may occur after placement of supply orders on private suppliers due to various factors. No supplier has been blacklisted during the last three years.

(d) The purchase of equipment and stores in the three Services is a continuous process and is based on requirements as approved in the Annual Provision Review. A well-defined procedure exists in the Ministry of Defence for dealing with the urgent and operational requirements of the Armed Forces.